

MINUTES OF MEETING--JANUARY 28, 1997

TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

On the 28th day of January 1997, the Commissioners' Court convened the Voting Session at 9:15 AM in the Commissioners' Courtroom, 1st Floor of the Travis County Administration Building, 314 West 11th Street, Austin, Texas. Dana DeBeauvoir, County Clerk, was represented by Deputy Julianne Rompel.

The Commissioners' Court retired to Executive Session at 10:33 AM and reconvened the Voting Session at 11:15 AM.

The Commissioners' Court recessed the Voting Session at 12:00 PM and reconvened the Voting Session at 2:35 PM.

The Commissioners' Court retired to Executive Session at 3:47 PM and reconvened the Voting Session at 5:30 PM.

The Commissioners' Court adjourned the Voting Session at 5:41 PM.

RESOLUTIONS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. APPROVE PROCLAMATION FOR ELSIE DETERICK, RETIRING AFTER 24 YEARS OF SERVICE. (9:16 AM)

Members of the Court honored Elsie Deterick, Auditor's Office.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gomez to approve the Proclamation.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

2. INTRODUCTION OF SHERIFF FRASIER'S COMMAND STAFF. (9:16 AM)

Members of the Court welcomed Sheriff Margo Frasier; Chief Deputy Dan Richards; Major Terry Pickering; Major David Balagia; Major Polly "PJ" Johnson; Captain Rick Gretchner; Patty Echret, Director of Financial Management; Tommy Blackwell, Director of Information Services; Captain Scott Burrows; Captain Joe Escribano; Captain Emily Trevino; Captain Willie Krebs; and Joe Truchard, Maintenance Engineer.

3. APPROVE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE OF GRISHAM TRAIL AND PACE BEND ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SAFETY FOR A BICYCLE RACE IN PACE END PARK IN PRECINCT THREE. (9:20 AM)

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Gomez that the Public Hearing be opened.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

Members of the Court heard from Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources.

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Gomez that the Public Hearing be closed.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

CITIZENS' COMMUNICATION

Members of the Court heard from Laverne Redwine; Gus Peña, East Austin Concerned Hispanics; Bob Barstow, Windy Point Park. (9:22 AM)

C O N S E N T I T E M S

4. Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner G○mez to approve the following Consent Items: 17, C.1 - C.25; excluding Consent Items 5, 9, 15, and 17. (9:47 AM)

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

C.1 RECEIVE BIDS FROM COUNTY PURCHASING AGENT.

C.2 AWARD BIDS FOR FOOD ITEMS FOR TRAVIS COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND JUVENILE DETENTION FACILITIES.

C.3 REAPPOINT STELLA ROLAND TO CHILDREN PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD FOR THE TERM JANUARY 1, 1997, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998.

C.4 APPOINT FRED HERBER TO COMMISSIONER OF EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #7 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1997 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1998.

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:

- C.5** APPROVE GRANT PROPOSALS, APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AND PERMISSION TO CONTINUE: (9:14 AM) (5:30 PM)
 - A.** APPROVE CAPCO GRANT CONTRACTS FOR ENFORCEMENT AND ANIMAL COMPOSTING (FOR TNR).
 - B.** APPROVE CAPCO GRANT CONTRACT FOR WASTE REDUCTION/ RECYCLING PROGRAM (FOR TNR).

Judge Aleshire announced that Consent Item 5 would be considered later in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Consent Item 5 (A and B). Refer to Item 19 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

Consent Items 5 (A and B) to be reposted for February 4, 1997.

- C6.** APPROVE ORDER TERMINATING OIL AND GAS LEASES COVERING TRACTS 34, 35, 41, AND 42, TRAVIS COUNTY SCHOOL LAND, THROCKMORTON COUNTY, TEXAS.
- C.7** DECLARE THE ATTACHED LIST OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE TRAVIS COUNTY HERITAGE CENTER AS SURPLUS PROPERTY, PURSUANT TO SECTION 263.151 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.
- C.8** REJECT BID RECEIVED FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, IFB #B970030-OJ, AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASING OFFICE TO RESOLICIT BIDS.

C.9 APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICE, IFB B970002-RG, TO THE LOW, QUALIFIED BIDDER, SAFE ENVIRONMENT, INC., IN THE (ESTIMATED) AMOUNT OF \$10,705.25. (9:14 AM) (11:54 AM)

Consent Item 9 pulled from the Consent Items.

Members of the Court heard from Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent; Moe Mogahadassi, Safe Environment, Inc.; and Charlie Snyder, Facilities Management.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner GÓmez to approve staff recommendations.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

R E C E S S

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to recess the Voting Session until 1:30 PM. (12:00 PM)

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

C.10 APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO CONTRACT NO. 96TO160-RG, METRO PAVING, HOT MIX OVERLAY PROGRAM; CONTRACT APPROVED ON 3/19/96; MODIFICATION IS FOR AN ADDITIONAL 36 DAYS TO BE ADDED TO CONTRACT PERIOD.

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:

- C.11** APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS, IFB B970020-RG, TO THE LOW, QUALIFIED BIDDERS, DEALERS ELECTRIC, GRAINGER AND OLDEN LIGHTING.
- C.12** APPROVE CONTRACT AWARDS FOR APPRAISAL SERVICES TO EDWIN J. TERRY, JR., RUDY ROBINSON, AND LARRY D. KOKEL.
- C.13** APPROVE CONTRACT MODIFICATION NO. 2 TO 96TO118-RG, LABCORP, DRUG TESTING; CONTRACT APPROVED ON 2/6/96; MODIFICATION ALLOWS FOR A 12-MONTH EXTENSION.
- C.14** APPROVE RENEWAL OF PROPRIETARY LEGAL TREATISES FOR THE COUNTY LAW LIBRARY FROM MATTHEW BENDER COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$21,966.65.
- C.15** APPROVE STATE CATALOGUE PURCHASE OF HARDWARE MAINTENANCE FOR THE IBM AS/400 COMPUTER SYSTEM IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$52,000.19 FROM IBM CORPORATION. (9:14 AM)

Consent Item 15 to be reposted for February 4, 1997.

- C.16** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT TWO: HEB/PFLUGERVILLE SUBDIVISION - RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 3, 4, AND 5, BLOCK 1, WELLS POINT COMMERCIAL SECTION 1 AND AMENDED PLAT OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1, WELLS POINT COMMERCIAL, SECTION ONE - (SHORTFORM - NO FISCAL - 3 LOTS - 18.755 ACRES - WELLS BRANCH PARKWAY).

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:

C.17 APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT TWO: THE RIDGE AT STEEDS CROSSING, SECTION ONE - (LONGFORM - FISCAL POSTED WITH TRAVIS COUNTY - 216 ACRES - 35.767 ACRES - DERBY DAY AVENUE). (9:14 AM) (9:50 AM) (10:33 AM) (11:15 AM) (3:47 PM) (5:30 PM)

Consent Item 17 pulled from Consent Items.

Members of the Court heard from Mike Foster, Steed’s Crossing Homeowner; Steve Jones, City Manager, City of Pflugerville; John Carlton, Attorney, City of Pflugerville; Ken Duran, Owner, Kelly Lane Utilities; David LeBuff, Developer; Rick Jenkins, Developer; and Matt Mitchell, Professional Design Group.

Discussion only.

Judge Aleshire announced that Consent Item 17 would be considered in Executive Session.

Discussion only.

Judge Aleshire announced that Consent Item 17 would be considered in Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve the Plat for recording on the condition that the following plat note be added to the Plat: that none of the following lots which are located outside the presently-authorized service area of a wastewater utility; Block A, Lots 1, 2, and 3; Block B, Lots 1-56; Block C, Lots 1-23; and Block D, Lots 1-11 and 32-42; may be sold or otherwise conveyed until such wastewater service is authorized by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:

- C.18** APPROVE PLAT FOR RECORDING IN PRECINCT THREE: SECOND AMENDMENT
PLAT OF ROBIE ACRES - (AMENDED PLAT - NO FISCAL - 2 LOTS - 5.007 ACRES - TORO CANYON ROAD).
- C.19** APPROVE SCOPE OF WORK REQUESTED BY THE CITY OF LAKEWAY TO SWEEP/BROOM SAND FROM STREETS IN THE CITY OF LAKEWAY, CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT APPROVED
JUNE 13, 1995.
- C.20** APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF FEBRUARY 11, 1997 FOR PROPOSED STREET NAME ASSIGNMENT FOR AN UNNAMED EASEMENT TO MULESHOE BEND TRAIL, IN PRECINCT TWO.
- C.21** APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF FEBRUARY 11, 1997, FOR PROPOSED STREET NAME ASSIGNMENT FOR AN UNNAMED EASEMENT TO TURNER RANCH ROAD, PRECINCT TWO.
- C.22** APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF FEBRUARY 11, 1997, TO APPROVE THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF A 15' DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON LOTS 9 & 10, BLOCK G, AND A 10' DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON LOTS 5 THROUGH 22 EXCLUDING LOT 21, BLOCK D, CHERRY CREEK SECTION 10A, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT THREE.
- C.23** APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF FEBRUARY 11, 1997, TO APPROVE THE VACATION OF A 2.4 FOOT STRIP OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS WYNDEN COVE IN PRECINCT THREE.

CONSENT ITEMS CONTINUED:

C.24 APPROVE A PUBLIC HEARING DATE OF FEBRUARY 11, 1997, TO APPROVE THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF TWO PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS ON LOTS 26 AND 27, BLOCK H, AND LOTS 25 & 26, BLOCK H, CHERRY CREEK SUBDIVISION, SECTION 10A, A SUBDIVISION IN PRECINCT THREE.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

ADDED ITEM:

C.25 APPROVE TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES OF GRISHAM TRAIL AND PACE BEND ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SAFETY FOR A BICYCLE RACE IN PACE BEND PARK IN PRECINCT THREE.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

5. APPOINT AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUBDIVISION STANDARDS, ESTABLISH ITS CHARTER, AND DIRECT STAFF TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE. (2:37 PM)

Item 5 to be reposted for February 4, 1997.

6. APPOINT AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SUBDIVISION STANDARDS, ESTABLISH ITS CHARTER, AND DIRECT STAFF TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE. (2:38 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Joe Gieselman, Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources

Discussion only.

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to indicate to the Executive Director of Transportation and Natural Resources that the Court likes the structure and to request that he work through the subcommittee to come back to the Court with the actual recommendations for the committee.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

7. CONSIDER AND APPROVE ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN TRAVIS COUNTY'S 1997 LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE FOR THE 75TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION. (11:35 AM)

Members of the Court heard from Heather Cox, Legislative Aide to Commissioner Bristol, Precinct Three; Mike Denton, District Attorney's Office; and Donna Warndof, Constable, Precinct Five Office.

[Clerk's note: four Motions were taken with relation to Item 7. They are listed as Motions A-D.]

A.

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve that the request for a family violence County Court at Law be taken to the Legislature, recognizing the figures in the related budget, while not now endorsing those figures.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

ITEM 7 CONTINUED:

Members of the Court heard from Constable, Precinct Five, Bruce Elfant.

B.

Motion by Commissioner G○mez and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve the Resolution presented by Bruce Elfant to affirm Travis County’s support for the right of each county to decide at the local level whether the carrying of concealed weapons should be permitted in their county buildings and parks.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

C.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe that the Travis County Commissioners’ Court indicate that its’ position would be that, while maintaining current combined statutory standards for subdivisions, State law should be changed to eliminate the duplication of jurisdiction between city and county approval of subdivision plats in the extraterritorial jurisdictions of cities.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	abstain
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	abstain
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

D.

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner G○mez to take a Legislative position by the Travis County Commissioners’ Court to encourage the Legislature to clarify the authority of county governments to charge fees for the review of subdivision plats.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	abstain
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- 8. APPROVE A \$1,000 CONTRIBUTION TO THE “GREAT AUSTIN BASH”, AN EVENT THAT WILL BE CO-HOSTED BY TRAVIS COUNTY TO WELCOME THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO AUSTIN. (11:17 AM)**

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Bristol to express to the County Attorney’s Office and to the Planning and Budget Office the Court’s intention today to support the expenditure of \$1,000.00 in the most efficient legal manner possible.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- 9. DISCUSS AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS TO COMMISSIONERS’ COURT REGARDING PERFORMANCE -BASED PAY FOR REDLINED EMPLOYEES. (2:46 PM)**

Members of the Court heard from Dr. Mattye Mauldin-Taylor, Director of Human Resources Management.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve staff recommendations; and that this is to be paid in a lump-sum amount.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- 10. APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM AUSTIN HOCKEY GROUP, INC., TO ADDRESS MEDIA RIGHTS. (11:16 AM) (11:25 AM)**

Item called.

Members of the Court heard from Alicia Perez, Executive Manager of Administrative Operations.

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the letter of understanding.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

11. DISCUSS AND GIVE STAFF DIRECTION ON RECOMMENDATION FROM INFORMATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (ITS) TO NO LONGER DO BUSINESS WITH AUSTIN MICRO SOLUTIONS.
(3:47 PM) (5:30 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that this Item will be passed at this time.

No action taken.

12. APPROVE STATE CATALOGUE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS FOR INFORMATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS (ITS) FROM DENSON CONSULTING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,569.00. (2:57 PM)
(3:47 PM) (5:38 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent and Frank Curcio, Director of Information and Telecommunications Systems; Russell Hahn, Information and Telecommunications Systems; and Alicia Perez, Executive Manager of Administrative Operations.

Discussion only.

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 12 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court heard from Assistant County Attorney, David Escamilla.

Item 12 to be reposted with the new verbiage, "To approve State Catalogue purchase of computers for Information and Telecommunications Systems (ITS)".

- 13. APPROVE STATE CATALOGUE PURCHASE OF NETWORKING EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED AT 201 WEST 5TH STREET AND 217 WEST 9TH STREET FROM LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,121.80. (3:29 PM)**

Members of the Court heard from Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent.

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve staff recommendations.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- 14. APPROVE CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF EXCESS WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE, RFP #R970012-OJ, TO THE LOW, QUALIFIED RESPONDENT, ALEXANDER AND ALEXANDER, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$78,392.00. (9:14 AM)**

Item 14 to be reposted for February 4, 1997.

- 15. APPROVE INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR COUNTY-WIDE TRAINING CLASSES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (IED). (3:30 PM)**

Members of the Court heard from Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent.

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Sonleitner to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for County-wide training classes to the University of Texas at Austin, Industrial Education Department (IED).

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

16. TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS (GNMA MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES PROGRAM) SERIES 1997 A AND SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS (GNMA MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES PROGRAM) SERIES 1997 B, BY TRAVIS COUNTY HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION. (2:36 PM)

Motion by Commissioner Biscoe and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

17. APPROVE PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY TREASURER TO INVEST COUNTY FUNDS. (9:47 AM)

Item 17 added to Consent Items.

18. APPROVE PERSONNEL AMENDMENTS. (3:36 PM) (3:47 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Dr. Mattye Mauldin-Taylor, Director of Human Resources Management; Charlie Nitschmann, Human Resources Management; and Steve Cole, Planning and Budget.

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve Personnel Amendments as recommended by the Human Resources Director, with the exception of the non-routine promotion which will be discussed in Executive Session and will be considered separately.

Commissioner Sonleitner requested a division of the Vote as follows:

To approve the Personnel Amendments with the exceptions of the non-routine promotion for Health and Human Services and the Slot 36 reclassification for TCSO:

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

To approve the slot 36 reclassification for TCSO:

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	opposed
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 18 would be considered in Executive Session.

No action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

[Clerk's note: the Executive Session Items are footnoted as follows: Note 1⁽¹⁾: Gov't Code, Ann. Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney; Note 2⁽²⁾: Gov't Code, Ann. Section 551.072, Real Property; and Note 3⁽³⁾: Gov't Code, Ann. Section 551.074, Personnel Matters.]

- 19. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN CIBOLO MANUFACTURING INC., ET AL., V. CROSS EQUIPMENT COMPANY, INC., ET AL. (GIESELMAN; PATENT LAWSUIT). ¹ (3:47 PM) (5:30 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 19 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Consent Item 5 (A and B).

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gomez:

- 19. to authorize the County Attorney to hire outside counsel in that case, if they determine it is necessary; to authorize all of the necessary waivers in order to proceed to select outside counsel with the contract subject to approval by the Commissioners' Court; and that the statutory exemption be incorporated into the contract;
- 20. to reject their offer and offer the amount of \$45,000.00;
- 21. to reject their offer and offer the amount of \$36,000.00;
- 23. to reject his offer;
- 24. to reject his offer;
- 25. to authorize the County Attorney to hire Richard Roy, Jr., and to approve the letter authorizing the extension of the payment amendment through the month of February, 1997.
- 26. to take no action on this Item and to repost this Item for February 4, 1997; and C.5 (A and B) that these Items be reposted for February 4, 1997.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	absent
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

- 20. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND GIVE DIRECTION AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS V. JACK L. BOBBITT (GIESELMAN; CONDEMNATION CASE) ¹ (3:47 PM) (5:30 PM)**

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 20 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Consent Item 5 (A and B). Refer to Item 19 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

- 21. RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND GIVE DIRECTION AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, V. KENNETH POWELL, ET AL. (GIESELMAN; CONDEMNATION CASE) ¹ (3:47 PM) (5:30 PM)**

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 21 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Consent Item 5 (A and B). Refer to Item 19 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

- 22. AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT, REJECT, OR COUNTER SETTLEMENT OFFER AND/OR RECEIVE BRIEFING, TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN CAUSE NO. 93-06143; KATHLEEN URIBE V. TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS. (GIESELMAN; PERSONAL INJURY). ¹ (9:14 AM)**

Item 22 to be reposted for February 4, 1997.

- 23. MAKE, ACCEPT, REJECT, OR COUNTER SETTLEMENT OFFER, AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN KELLY LAYTON V. TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, ET AL., CAUSE NO. A96-CA-483-SS (KEEL; DENIAL OF MEDICAL CARE, 1983). ¹ (3:47 PM) (5:30 PM)**

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 23 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Consent Item 5 (A and B). Refer to Item 19 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

- 24.** MAKE, ACCEPT, REJECT, OR COUNTER SETTLEMENT OFFER, AND/OR TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN CHRISTOPHER HUTSON V. CITY OF AUSTIN, ET AL., CAUSE NO. A96-CA-572-SS (KEEL; DENIAL OF MEDICAL CARE, 1983). ¹ (3:47 PM) (5:30 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 24 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Consent Item 5 (A and B). Refer to Item 19 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

ADDED ITEMS:

- 25.** AUTHORIZE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO HIRE EXPERT IN FLUOR DANIEL MEDIATION; AND EXTEND PAYMENT AMENDMENT THROUGH THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1997. ¹ (3:47 PM) (5:30 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 25 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Consent Item 5 (A and B). Refer to Item 19 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

- 26.** RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY AND DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF COUNSELORS AT THE TRAVIS COUNTY COUNSELING CENTER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. ¹ (3:47 PM) (5:30 PM)

Judge Aleshire announced that Item 26 would be considered in Executive Session.

Members of the Court agreed to consider one Motion for Items 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Consent Item 5 (A and B). Refer to Item 19 for a summary of the Court's action on this Item.

ADDENDA ITEM 1.

APPROVE ORDER EXEMPTING PURCHASING ACTIVITY FOR THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL CONSTRUCTION LAW CONSULTANT SERVICES FROM COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY PURCHASING ACT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 262.024 (a) (4) OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. (3:32 PM)

Members of the Court heard from Cyd Grimes, Purchasing Agent.

Motion by Commissioner Bristol and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to approve the exemption order.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

ADDENDA ITEM 2.

INDICATE TRAVIS COUNTY'S SUPPORT OF EXPANSIONS OF FOREIGN TRADE ZONE 183 AND FOREIGN TRADE SUBZONE 183 A. (3:34 PM)

Motion by Judge Aleshire and seconded by Commissioner Gómez to approve.

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

A D J O U R N M E N T

Motion by Commissioner Sonleitner and seconded by Commissioner Biscoe to adjourn the Voting Session. (5:41 PM)

Motion carried:	Commissioner 1, Samuel Biscoe	-	yes
	Commissioner 2, Karen Sonleitner	-	yes
	Commissioner 3, Valarie Bristol	-	yes
	Commissioner 4, Margaret Gómez	-	yes
	County Judge, Bill Aleshire	-	yes

MINUTES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

Date of Approval

Bill Aleshire, Travis County Judge